MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): May I know the date of the petition?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I have not got the information here. The report on the subject being incomplete, the matter has been referred back to the Peishkar for detailed report by the Land Revenue Commissioner.

Traffic Inspector's Post.

14. **MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*): With reference to the answer to the question *re* Traffic Inspector given at the meeting of the Council held on the 17th Tulam 1101, will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they propose to fill the vacant post of the Traffic Inspector;

(*b*) if so, whether they will give preference to Tamilians; and

(*c*) whether they received any applications from Tamilians, and, if so, the qualifications of those applicants?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) The claims of all communities including the Tamilians will receive due consideration.

(*c*) There was an application from a Tamilian candidate who is an L. M. E. with some practical experience in motor engineering.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know the nature of the practical experience that the applicant had in motor engineering?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I cannot answer that unless I look up the application.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Are the Government aware that there is no special training in motor engineering?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I am not aware.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know whether they admit that the claims of Tamilians are not adequately considered in the matter of recruitment to public service, particularly to the Police Department?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I cannot answer that as it does not seem to arise out of this question.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Will the Chief Secretary please refresh his memory in regard to the answer to the question given at the meeting of the Council held on the 17th Tulam 1101, relating to the claims of Tamilians in the matter of recruitment to the Police Department?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Where is the necessity to refer to that question or refresh my memory about it?

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): From the answer given to that question, it is clear that the Government themselves indirectly admit that the claims of Tamilians should be considered.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have neither that question nor the answer to it with me here.

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MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): In part (*a*) the question is intended to be referred to by the Government. Am I to understand that the question referred to in part (*a*) was not referred to at all?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I do not understand the relevancy of that question.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): The question referred to in part (*a*) is in regard to the claims of Tamilians in the matter of appointment to the Police Department. The answer to part (*a*) means that the Traffic Inspector's post is proposed to be filled up. Am I to understand that the particular question mentioned in part (*a*) was not referred to at all by the Government?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It was referred to and the answer given is to part (*a*) and not to the preamble.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): What minimum qualification do the Government propose to determine in reference to the practical experience in motor engineering?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That has to be considered. The question of nomination has not been taken up.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know what the nature of the minimum qualification or practical experience will be?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The question of minimum qualification has to be considered when the question of nomination is taken up.

Recruitment of Police Inspectors.

15. **MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they received applications from Tamilians for the posts of Police Inspectors to be recruited shortly; and

(*b*) if so, whether they will consider their claims sympathetically?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) The Government have received a few applications and these received due consideration.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know the total number of applications for the post to be filled up?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The posts have been filled up. I think the number of applications was 170 or thereabouts.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know the number of applications from Tamilians?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have no information.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Part (*a*) of the question requires an answer for that.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That is answered.

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